



November 14th, 2018

RE: Diphenhydramine/Benadryl® Injection - Critical Shortage Notification

The LGH Pharmacy has notified us that the shortages for Diphenhydramine/Benadryl® injections are now critical. Therefore, the decision has been made to issue a directive to change the following administration route(s). The BREMS Protocol document and app will not be changed in the event that the shortage is cured.

When Diphenhydramine/Benadryl® is indicated per protocol, please utilize the PO form as a first line treatment, **only if the patient has a patent airway**. Utilize the injection form only secondary to the PO form, when PO cannot be administered.

Pharmacies restocking the boxes may reduce the stock level from 2 vials to 1 vial until adequate stock becomes available.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. And as always, feel free to contact us here at the BREMS office with questions anytime. (434) 947-5934

Thank you,

BREMS Staff on behalf of Regional OMD Dr. Marilyn McLeod and OMD Committee Physicians